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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas of the country totaled 105.6 million hundredweight on February 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 1 percent more than the 104.9 million cwt. on hand February 1, 1969. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on February 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States totaled 30.1 million cwt. on February 1, 1970, the smallest February 1 holding since 1956 and compares with 33.5 million in 1969. Maine holdings were 22.4 million compared with 25.3 million on hand a year earlier. February 1 stocks this year were less than a year earlier, in Upstate New York; the same as a year earlier on Long Island; but slightly higher than a year ago in Pennsylvania.

Holdings in the eight central fall States, at 20.9 million cwt. this February 1, were below the stocks of 22.6 million a year earlier. Smaller stocks in North Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Nebraska more than offset larger holdings in the other central States.

In the nine western fall States, stocks at 54.6 million cwt., were 12 percent above the 48.8 million on February 1 last year. Holdings in Idaho of 31.0 million cwt. were 9 percent more than the 28.4 million cwt. of a year ago. Washington stocks of 10.1 million were up sharply from 7.0 million cwt. on February 1, 1969. Stocks in Oregon and Utah also were larger than a year ago and California's equaled last year. Colorado, Montana and Wyoming each had fewer potatoes on hand than a year earlier.

Disappearance of 1969 fall crop potatoes from storage during January 1970 at a record high rate of 27.1 million cwt., was 6 percent more than the January 1969 disappearance of 25.5 million. Disappearance of 1969 fall potatoes from time of harvest to February 1, 1970, also was a record at 128.0 million cwt., and compares with a disappearance of 115.9 million from the 1968 crop during the comparable period. Movement of 1969 fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during January and movement for the season to February 1, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, were slightly below a year earlier. The quantities of potatoes processed for other food products (excluding starch and flour) during January as well as for the season total to February 1 were both much larger than a year earlier. Quantities used by flour and starch factories during January, and for the season to February 1, were also above a year earlier.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1,
total stocks, crops of 1959-69 in the Fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
		following year	following year	following year	following year
		1,000 cwt.			
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 ^{1/}	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968 ^{2/3/}	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969	233,637	156,470	132,790	105,650	

^{1/} Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

^{2/} Revised August 1969 Pot 6(69)

^{3/} Estimate for Nevada, discontinued in 1969; U. S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between these years.

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1963-70

Area	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Millions							
Eastern	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	
Central	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	
Western	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	
Total	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	^{1/} 204.4

^{1/} Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1970 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 430 Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on February 1, 1969 and February 1, 1970 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1968		Crop of 1969	
	Production	Total stocks: Feb. 1, 1969	Production	Total stocks Feb. 1, 1970
	----- 1,000 cwt. -----			
Maine	36,425	25,300	35,100	22,400
New Hampshire	230	80	176	60
Vermont	285	140	254	110
Massachusetts	1,036	240	950	230
Rhode Island	1,260	50	1,326	70
Connecticut	1,254	410	1,215	340
New York				
Long Island	7,340	2,000	6,812	2,000
Upstate	8,342	2,750	8,342	2,350
Pennsylvania	7,585	2,500	7,810	2,550
8 Eastern	63,757	33,470	61,985	30,110
Ohio	2,583	410	1,925	200
Indiana	1,363	140	1,396	165
Michigan	6,525	2,400	6,744	2,600
Wisconsin	8,855	3,250	8,880	3,000
Minnesota	12,180	6,750	13,500	7,000
North Dakota	15,660	8,700	15,400	7,100
South Dakota	621	215	561	135
Nebraska	1,820	750	1,794	730
8 Central	49,607	22,615	50,200	20,930
Montana	1,498	1,210	1,388	1,020
Idaho	59,505	28,400	67,000	31,000
Wyoming	608	200	578	140
Colorado	8,280	4,100	8,695	4,000
Utah	1,072	320	1,332	400
Washington	16,185	7,050	21,420	10,100
Oregon	12,008	4,050	13,115	4,450
California	8,266	3,500	7,924	3,500
8 Western ^{2/}	107,422	43,830	121,452	54,610
Total 24 Fall States ^{2/} ...	220,786	104,915	233,637	105,650

^{1/} Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

^{2/} Estimates for Nevada discontinued in 1969; U.S. production and stocks estimates for 1968 adjusted for comparability between the two years.

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